



I. POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS



A. POPULATION

This chapter on Louisiana's population presents information from the United States Census Bureau's final estimates for 2002. According to the 2002 estimates, Louisiana's resident population was 4,482,646 as of July 1, 2002. The state's subgroup estimate counts for 2002 are given in the following table.

<i>Louisiana Population 2002 *</i>								
<i>Age Group (Years) **</i>								
<i>Sex</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i><5</i>	<i>5-19</i>	<i>20-44</i>	<i>45-64</i>	<i>65-84</i>	<i>85 & +</i>	<i>All*</i>
<i>Male</i>	<i>White</i>	92,737	293,255	514,020	353,610	149,095	12,945	1,415,662
	<i>Black</i>	66,310	204,458	249,204	128,921	41,184	4,428	694,505
	<i>Other</i>	5,742	16,560	25,037	11,445	3,054	229	62,067
<i>Female</i>	<i>White</i>	88,156	278,209	508,387	362,900	197,993	33,161	1,468,806
	<i>Black</i>	64,343	198,948	284,942	156,223	64,027	10,162	778,645
	<i>Other</i>	5,664	15,698	24,928	12,503	3,725	443	62,961
<i>All*</i>	<i>Total</i>	322,952	1,007,128	1,606,518	1,025,602	459,078	61,368	4,482,646

Source: * United States Census Bureau, 2002 estimates

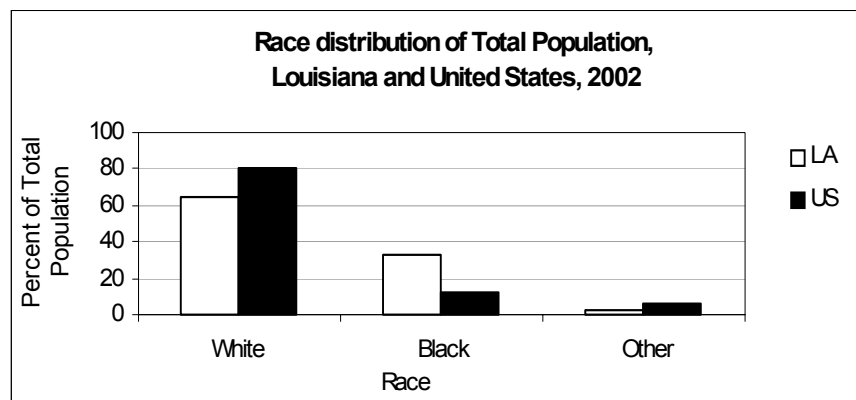
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A comparison of the year 2002 national and state population estimates shows that Louisiana and the United States have very similar age distributions. Nationwide, Louisiana has a larger percentage of population aged 5-19 years, but a smaller percentage of population aged 20-44 years.

<i>Percent of Total Population by Age Group Louisiana and United States, 2002</i>							
	<i>Age Group (Years)</i>						
	<i><5</i>	<i>5-19</i>	<i>20-44</i>	<i>45-64</i>	<i>65-84</i>	<i>85 & +</i>	<i>All Ages</i>
<i>Louisiana</i>	7.2	22.5	35.8	22.9	10.2	1.4	100.0
<i>United States</i>	6.8	21.3	36.4	23.1	10.8	1.6	100.0

Source: United States Census Bureau, 2002 estimates

Estimates of the population distribution by race, however, show the percentage of blacks in Louisiana is more than twice the national average. Blacks comprise 32.9% of the state's population, versus 12.7% nationally. The proportion of blacks in individual parishes in Louisiana ranges from 4% to 67%.



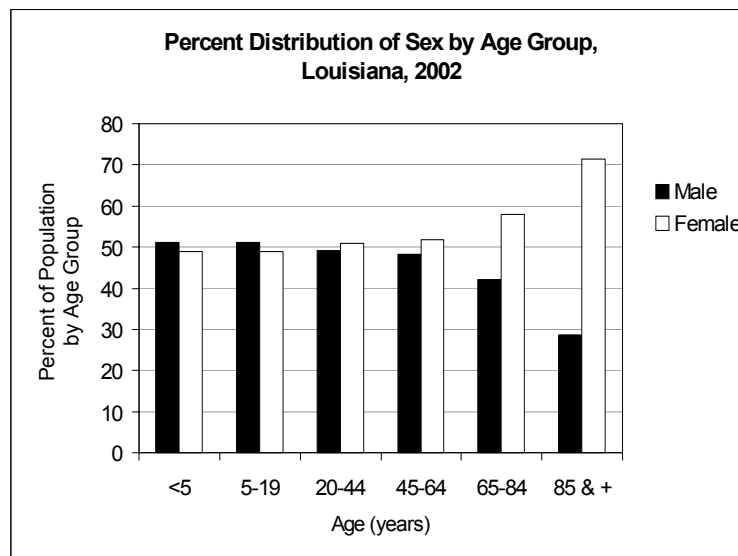
Source: United States Census Bureau, 2002 estimates



Percent of Total Population by Race Louisiana and United States, 2002				
Location	Race			
	White	Black	Other	Total
<i>Louisiana</i>	64.3	32.9	2.8	100.0
<i>USA</i>	80.7	12.7	6.6	100.0

Source: United States Census Bureau, 2002 estimates

As in the rest of the nation, an increase in the proportion of women to men is seen in older age categories. Louisiana's year 2002 estimates percentages for the 45 to 64 years age group are 48% male and 52% female. The percentages are 29% male and 71% female in the 85 & + age group.



Source: United States Census Bureau, 2002 estimates

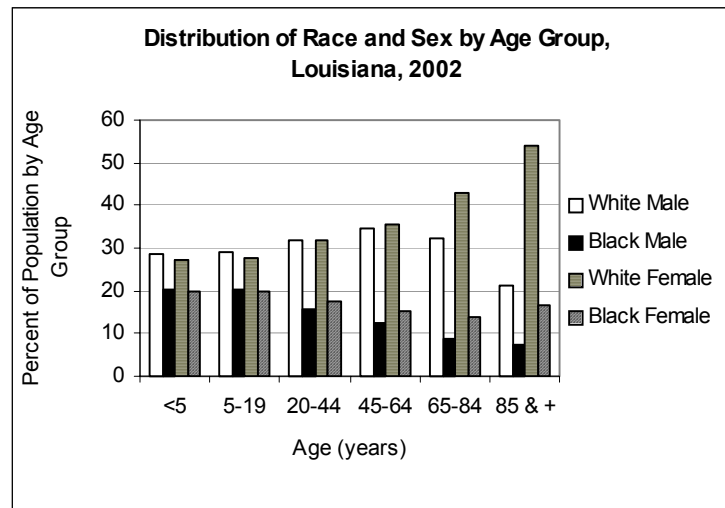
Percent of Race and Sex by Age Group Louisiana, 2002							
Sex	Race	Age Group (Years)					
		<5	5-19	20-44	45-64	65-84	85 & +
<i>Male</i>	<i>White</i>	28.7	29.1	32.0	34.5	32.5	21.1
	<i>Black</i>	20.5	20.3	15.5	12.6	9.0	7.2
	<i>Other</i>	1.8	1.6	1.6	1.1	0.7	0.4
	<i>Total</i>	51.0	51.1	49.1	48.2	42.1	27.8
<i>Female</i>	<i>White</i>	27.3	27.6	31.6	35.4	43.1	54.0
	<i>Black</i>	19.9	19.8	17.7	15.2	13.9	16.6
	<i>Other</i>	1.8	1.6	1.6	1.2	0.8	0.7
	<i>Total</i>	49.0	48.9	50.9	51.8	57.9	71.3

Source: United States Census Bureau, 2002 estimates

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.



Within individual age groups, the race/sex proportions in Louisiana change with advancing age. Prior to age 20 years, both white males and white females comprise approximately 29% of the population of each age group and black men and women approximately 20%. By ages 85 and above, 54% of the population are white women, 21% are white men, 17% are black women, and 7% are black men. In Louisiana, women (71.3%) are more likely to live into their mid-eighties than men (28.7%).



Source: US Census Bureau, 2002 estimates

The United States Census Bureau provided the estimated parish level population data for 2002. The changes in Louisiana's mid-year parish populations by 2000 census and the 2002 estimates are presented in the table below.

2002 Population Figures for Louisiana Parishes				
Parish	7/1/2000 Census	7/1/2002 Estimates	% Change 2000-2002	7/1/2002 % as Total of State Pop.
State Total	4,468,976	4,482,646	0.3	100.0
Acadia	58,861	59,085	0.4	1.3
Allen	25,440	25,360	-0.3	0.6
Ascension	76,627	79,108	3.2	1.8
Assumption	23,388	23,618	1.0	0.5
Avoyelles	41,481	41,584	0.2	0.9
Beauregard	32,986	33,032	0.1	0.7
Bienville	15,752	15,590	-1.0	0.3
Bossier	98,310	100,179	1.9	2.2
Caddo	252,161	253,474	0.5	5.7
Calcasieu	183,577	184,279	0.4	4.1
Caldwell	10,560	10,618	0.5	0.2
Cameron	9,991	9,795	-2.0	0.2
Catahoula	10,920	10,850	-0.6	0.2
Claiborne	16,851	16,463	-2.3	0.4
Concordia	20,247	20,002	-1.2	0.4



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Parish	7/1/2000 Census	7/1/2002 Estimates	% Change 2000-2002	7/1/2002 % as Total of State Pop.
DeSoto	25,494	25,708	0.8	0.6
E. Baton Rouge	412,852	414,883	0.5	9.3
E. Carroll	9,421	9,080	-3.6	0.2
E. Feliciana	21,360	21,083	-1.3	0.5
Evangeline	35,434	35,434	0.0	0.8
Franklin	21,263	21,174	-0.4	0.5
Grant	18,698	18,784	0.5	0.4
Iberia	73,266	73,518	0.3	1.6
Iberville	33,320	33,368	0.1	0.7
Jackson	15,397	15,420	0.1	0.3
Jefferson	455,466	455,927	0.1	10.2
Jefferson Davis	31,435	31,115	-1.0	0.7
Lafayette	190,503	192,014	0.8	4.3
Lafourche	89,974	90,477	0.6	2.0
LaSalle	14,282	14,305	0.2	0.3
Lincoln	42,509	42,688	0.4	1.0
Livingston	91,814	95,978	4.5	2.1
Madison	13,728	13,575	-1.1	0.3
Morehouse	31,021	30,514	-1.6	0.7
Natchitoches	39,080	39,308	0.6	0.9
Orleans	484,674	476,649	-1.7	10.6
Ouachita	147,250	147,758	0.3	3.3
Plaquemines	26,757	27,409	2.4	0.6
Pointe Coupee	22,763	22,504	-1.1	0.5
Rapides	126,337	126,979	0.5	2.8
Red River	9,622	9,603	-0.2	0.2
Richland	20,981	20,584	-1.9	0.5
Sabine	23,459	23,383	-0.3	0.5
St. Bernard	67,229	66,758	-0.7	1.5
St. Charles	48,072	48,418	0.7	1.1
St. Helena	10,525	10,601	0.7	0.2
St. James	21,216	21,293	0.4	0.5
St. John	43,044	43,267	0.5	1.0
St. Landry	87,700	87,966	0.3	2.0
St. Martin	48,583	49,178	1.2	1.1
St. Mary	53,500	52,573	-1.7	1.2
St. Tammany	191,268	196,283	2.6	4.4
Tangipahoa	100,588	101,450	0.9	2.3
Tensas	6,618	6,511	-1.6	0.1
Terrebonne	104,503	105,935	1.4	2.4
Union	22,803	22,745	-0.3	0.5
Vermilion	53,807	54,123	0.6	1.2
Vernon	52,531	51,951	-1.1	1.2
Washington	43,926	43,603	-0.7	1.0
Webster	41,831	41,945	0.3	0.9
W.Baton Rouge	21,601	21,686	0.4	0.5
W. Carroll	12,314	12,332	0.1	0.3
W. Feliciana	15,111	15,125	0.1	0.3
Winn	16,894	16,644	-1.5	0.4

Source: United States Census Bureau, 2000 Census and 2002 estimates